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Re: United States v. AVX Corporation, et al., C.A. No.
83-3882-Mc (Consolidated)

Dear Charlie:

In the hearing on March 8, 1985 before the Honorable John J. McNaught, Ralph Child informed the Court that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has determined that it is premature at this point to make a decision on a "fact-track" remedy for the Acushnet River Estuary. Ralph indicated that EPA had decided to perform factual investigations into the nature of the sediments in the "hot spot area" and the kinds of dredging technology, if any, that could deal with those sediments.

I am writing today to request, on behalf of all Defendants in the above-referenced action, that EPA inform us of what further investigations will be undertaken by the EPA, and the time frame in which those investigations will be undertaken. Although it has been EPA's stated position that Defendants would receive notice of EPA's determinations regarding the investigation of New Bedford Harbor at the same time as that information is made available to the public in general, I hope by

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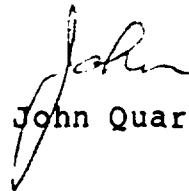
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this request to elicit your cooperation in providing the Defendants with prompt notice of EPA's determination regarding what further factual investigations will be undertaken, and when EPA expects those investigations to be completed.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



John Quarles

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